

### Industry Given Key to Torrance

One of Torrance's newest industries, the California Rubber Products Co., was officially welcomed to the city Tuesday as a large number of Torrance business and industry leaders met for the January Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

William Shawger, head of the manufacturing firm since he took it over in 1945, one year after its founding, was on hand to receive a symbolic key to the city from Mayor Albert Isen.

Shawger introduced two of his top aids, Bill Bryan and Tom Sloan, who explained the operations of the company. The firm and its plastic branch known as Cal Plastic, specialize in the manufacture of molten, mechanical rubber goods, sponges, and heat resistant ducts. The Chamber group was told. Most of the items, whether rubber or plastic, are made to customers' specifications.

Among the demands which the company must meet are calls for material which is oil or acid resistant, and materials which can withstand extremely high or low temperatures at any altitude.

Bryan, who is in charge of all plant production, explained some of the critical specifications which the company is called to meet while Tom Sloan, vice president in charge of sales, told how California

### Calle Mayor Bid Approved By Educators

The Torrance Board of Education approved a bid for Calle Mayor School and called for bids on Jefferson School at its Tuesday night meeting.

A \$421,500 bid from Stiglbauer Brothers Construction, Downey, was approved for Calle Mayor Elementary School, to be located just north of South High School. The contract calls for completion of the school by Aug. 14, in time for the opening of school this fall. The winning bid was the lowest of 13.

At the same time, the board approved final plans and specifications for Jefferson Elementary School, to be located near Carmen and Talisman Sts., in the Southwood area. The board authorized calling for bids. Estimated cost of the building will be about \$590,000.

Final plans are expected to be ready soon on Yukon, Hamilton, Lincoln, Magruder, and Columbia Schools, officials said.

Portable classrooms to ease the shortage are virtually complete at Anza, Arlington, Hillside, Flavian, Sepulveda, and Riviera Schools.

Rubber salesmen called on all major aircraft manufacturers in the United States and Canada.

Chairmen for the meeting were John Strech and Fred Mill.

### Five Tartars Attend Meet On Business

Five members of the Torrance High School Business Club attended the Future Business Leaders of America, South Section and College Section Conference recently. The five students were Harriet Meister, Patsy Lewis, Linda Lewis, Joyce Minuet, and Carol Whittington, and were accompanied by Del Smith, business teacher.

The group attended the first general session and workshops at Anaheim Union High School. This part of the program was built around the theme, "Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

After a luncheon at Disneyland, the second general session was held in Disneyland's Mickey Mouse Theatre. At this meeting, the nine contest winners were announced and awards presented (the contests had been held and judged earlier in the day). All students were invited to the Golden Horseshoe Revue and then visited other places of interest at Disneyland.

### MEAT EATERS

Members of the U. S. armed forces consume about 288 pounds of meat a year as compared with the average of about 148 pounds consumed by civilians in normal economic situations.

## Obituaries

### Clarence T. Spain

Services for Clarence Thomas Spain, 31, an aeronautical engineer were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary.

Mr. Spain, a graduate of Texas Technical University, died suddenly Friday in a Torrance hospital. He had resided in Los Angeles County for seven years. His present address is 2503 Highcliffe Dr., Torrance.

Rev. Paul Waldschmidt, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, officiated. Interment was in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Jewell, a son, Charles, 3, his father, Arthur L. Spain of Texas and a sister, Marian of Texas.

### Wilford A. Ricks

Wilford Albert Ricks, 69, a high priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and missionary for six years, died Monday in Gardena.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. today in Halverson-Leavell Chapel, with Bishop Nelson Rentmeister of the local LDS congregation officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills.

A past bishop of the Firestone ward, Mr. Ricks was born in Logan, Utah. He had lived in Los Angeles County for the past 29 years and was employed as a social worker for Los Angeles County. He lived at 1028 Hickory Ave.

Survivors include three sons, W. Lynn Ricks, Torrance; C. Reed Ricks, Idaho Falls, Ida.; and Gordon Ricks, Sacramento; a daughter, Beanna Gentry, San Carlos; 18 grandchildren; one brother, and five sisters.

### Manuel H. Smith

Wednesday rites were held for Manuel Houston Smith, 65, 169 W. 220th St., in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmie Sullivan officiating.

A native of Missouri, he died Sunday. Burial will be in Isabella, Mo.

He is survived by his widow, Eva; daughters, Thelma Ann Aberhardy and Alma Katherine White, Torrance; and sons, Homer Newton Smith, Torrance; Delmer Stephen Smith, Arnold; and J. C. Britten-Smith, St. Joseph, Mo.

### Elizabeth Jackson

Last rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, 73, a resident of Torrance since 1921, were held yesterday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Walter Stanton officiating. She died Sunday.

A native of Scotland, she lived at 20712 Budlong Ave. Burial was in Inglewood Memorial Park.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Alex Thompson, 1418 Engracia Ave.; grandchildren, James and Betty Thompson; and brother, Fred Lundston, Los Angeles.

### William R. Lee

Final rites for William R. Lee, 71, 1923 Arlington Ave., will be held in Stone and Myers Chapel at 2 p.m. today, with the Rev. John L. Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Green Hills.

A native of Mississippi, he had lived in this area for the past 20 years. He died Monday.

Survivors include his widow, Oliva; brothers, Edgar, Cayucos; Remy, Pomona; and Arthur, Joshua Tree; sister, Irene Gittins, Santa Ana; and 25 nieces and nephews.

### INADEQUATE VISION

About 35 per cent of the nation's automobile drivers have sub-standard vision.

### Wallace J. West Jr.

Masonic funeral services for Walter W. West Jr., 38, of Riverside will be held in the Powell Arlington Mortuary, Arlington, at 11 a.m. today. Mr. West was a graduate of Torrance High School and a resident here for a number of years, died suddenly Monday after a heart seizure.

Conducting today's final rites will be members of the Rocky Mountain Masonic Lodge of Tooele, Utah. Burial will be in Westminster Memorial Park.

Mr. West lived in Torrance from 1928 until he entered the service in 1939. His address here was 1639 W. 216th St. After returning from the service, he was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of '42.

At the time of his death he was a retail hardware salesman with a Riverside builders' supply firm. He lived at 8761 Colorado Ave., Riverside.

He is survived by his widow, Zona, and two children, Wallace W. West III, and Sally West; one brother, James L. West S., of Garden Grove; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. West Sr of Riverside.

### Carl A. Kennedy

Services for Carl Andrew Kennedy, 56, a real estate salesman were held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary.

A native of Los Angeles, Mr. Kennedy died suddenly Saturday in his home, 18507 Dorman Ave., Torrance.

Rev. John Burberry, pastor of Lennox Bethany Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Fern E., two daughters, Betty M. Keife, of Reno, Nev., and Jeanne Dorene Parks of Torrance, and four grandchildren.

### Denice Cusimano

Funeral mass was celebrated yesterday morning at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church for 19-month-old Denice Cusimano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cusimano, 22415 Grant Ave. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

First reports had indicated that the girl died after a vitamin pill had lodged in her windpipe, but the death has since been attributed to pneumonia. She died Sunday after being rushed to Riviera Hospital.

### John Elmert Johnson

Friday services will be held for John Elmer Johnson, 1334 W. Carson St., in Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 3 p.m. He died at his home Tuesday.

A native of Baden Springs, Mo., he will be buried in Green Hills.

Survivors include his widow, Ida; son, Orville, Torrance; daughters, Edith Morris and June Crane, both of Torrance; and Lillian Henry, Wilmington; stepson, Leslie Hartman, Torrance; stepdaughters, Helen Sailors, Neb.; and Mable Birdsong, Torrance; and 12 grandchildren.

### Crews Start New Bridge On Artesia

Work has been started on a new bridge across the Dominguez flood control channel where it crosses Artesia Blvd. between Western Ave. and Gramercy Pl., it was announced this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The work is being done as a joint venture between the County Flood Control District and the State Division of Highways.

Improvements, which will enable permanent widening of the channel in that area, will include approaches and the new bridge, estimated to cost about \$200,000. The project will take about six months to complete, Hahn said.

### 81-Year-Old Resident Dies

An 81-year-old Torrance resident, with a long history of illness, fatally shot himself Sunday afternoon.

George Till, of 18615 Della Ave., was found lying on the floor of his home by Winona Till, a relative.

Police said a .32 calibre revolver was lying on the floor beside him.

The dead man's son and family told officers they left the house at noon and when they returned later in the day, Till was dead.



AT BOWL-O-DROME . . . The Musical Merrills, musical-comedy trio, opened recently at the Bowl-O-Drome at 220th and Western. Guitarist Ray Merrill, Accordionist Ray Lewis, and Johnny Hall on the bass viol, mix their musical offerings with bits from their night club repertoire. They appear nightly except Sunday in the Keg Room.

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